(ख) इसके क्या कारण हैं और सरकार सी पी डब्ल्यू डी के उन अधिकारियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है जिनकी मिलीभगत/लापरवाही से ठेकेदार मलबे का ढेर जहां तहां लगा देते हैं; और

(ग) सरकार मलबा साफ करवाने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बंडारू दत्तात्रेय): जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) सरकारी कालोनियों और अन्य स्थानों से मलबा हटाने का काम एक सतत प्रकिया है। निर्माण कार्य से सृजित मलबे को कार्य समाप्त होने पर या जहां लम्बी अवधि का कार्य होता है वहां समय-समय पर मलबा हटाया जाता है। केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग ने सूचित किया है जब कभी सड़कों और पटरियों के किनारे मलबे के ढेर की सूचना मिलती है सम्बंधित विभागों/व्यक्तियों को तत्काल मलबा उठाने के लिए अनुरोध किया जाता है।

**Alleviation of Urban Poverty in North East Region**

4433. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the different measures for alleviation of poverty in the urban areas of the North-East Region;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the financing banks now working in North-East States are not ready to finance the programme of poverty alleviation and unemployed schemes in the North-East Region specially in Manipur; and

(c) if so, the steps taken up by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely Nehru Rojgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP) were being implemented in the urban areas of the country including North-East Region. These two schemes were replaced by a newly launched programme "Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY)" with effect from 1.12.97.

(b) and (c) No specific complaint has been received by this Ministry from any State Government in the North-East Region. However, recently, the Manipur State Government has sent a list of cases pending with Banks for grant of loan under the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) for the month of March, 98 which has been forwarded to Reserve Bank of India for directing the concerned Banks for consideration and disposal of the same under the Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) of SJSRY.

**Construction of Houses in Urban Areas**

4434. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses to be constructed in the urban areas of the country; State-wise;

(b) the number of houses to be constructed at the capital city; and

(c) whether the houses are to be constructed mainly for houseless people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Housing being a State subject, it is primarily the respsonsibility of the State Governments to formulate and implement housing schemes for various income groups. However, the targets for EWS and LIG housing are fixed by the Government in consultation with the State Governments. Tentative targets for 1998-99 are given in enclosed Statement (*See* below)

The National Agenda for Governance envisages construction of 20 lakh additional houses in the country out of which 7 lakh dwelling units would be constructed in urban areas every year for the urban poor. The State-wise, targets given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below) were discussed in the Housing Ministers Conference held on 8th & 9th June, 98. Some of the States have not yet confirmed acceptance of their targets.

(b) According to Delhi Master Plan construction of 97000 dwelling units per year has been envisaged during 1996-2001.